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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Fossil Energy; National Coal Council Renewal

Pursuant to Section 14(a)(2)(A) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463) and in accordance with title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations, section 101-6.1007, and following consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat of the General Services Administration, notice is hereby given that the National Coal Council has been renewed for a two-year period ending November 22, 1999. The Council will continue to provide advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy, on a continuing basis, regarding general policy matters relating to coal issues.

Council members are chosen to assure a well balanced representation from all sections of the country, all segments of the coal industry, including large and small companies, and commercial and residential consumers. The Council also has members who represent interests outside the coal industry, including environmental interests, labor, research, academia, and minorities. Membership and representation of all interests will continue to be determined in accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, and implementing regulations.

The renewal of the Council has been determined essential to the conduct of the Department's business and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed upon in the Department of Energy by law. The Council will continue to operate in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, and implementing regulations.

Further information regarding this advisory committee may be obtained from Rachel M. Samuel at (202) 586-3279.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Fossil Energy; National Petroleum Council Renewal

Pursuant to Section 14(a)(2)(A) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463) and in accordance with title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations, section 101-6.1007, and following consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat of the General Services Administration, notice is hereby given that the National Petroleum Council has been renewed for a two-year period ending November 22, 1999. The Council will continue to provide advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy on matters relating to oil and gas or the oil and gas industry.

Council members are chosen to assure a well-balanced representation from all sections of the country, all segments of the petroleum industry, and from large and small companies. The Council also has members who represent interests outside the petroleum industry, including representatives from environmental, labor, research, academia, minorities, and State utility regulatory commissions. Membership and representation of all interests will continue to be determined in accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, and implementing regulations.

The renewal of the Council has been determined essential to the conduct of the Department's business and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed upon the Department of Energy by law. The Council will operate in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act and implementing regulations.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Deviation From the Department of Energy Assistance Regulations

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of class deviation.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to 10 CFR 600.4, hereby announces two deviations from its

Financial Assistance Rules for cooperative agreement awards to commercial organizations resulting from the Program Research and Development Announcement for Integrated Fuel Cell Systems and Components. The first deviation will allow for monthly submissions of financial and progress reports. The second deviation will allow for an original and four copies of technical reports. It is anticipated that approximately 20 cooperative agreement awards will be made to commercial entities.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In this notice, the Department of Energy announces that, pursuant to 10 CFR 600.4, the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Procurement and Assistance Management has made a determination of the need for a class deviation to the Department's Financial Assistance Rules. A deviation to 10 CFR 600.151(b) has been approved which provides that recipients of cooperative agreement awards resulting from the Program Research and Development Announcement for Integrated Fuel Cell Systems and Components for Transportation and Buildings, will be required to submit to DOE monthly instead of quarterly reports for the Milestone Report, Project Status Report, and Financial Status Report. The fuel cell program requires these reports on a monthly basis for the purpose of coordinating and comparing project performance and costs among fuel cell program-participants to avoid not only duplication of research effort, but to coordinate any shared testing equipment, and to provide timely and meaningful technical direction as required.

The deviation at 10 CFR 600.151(e) will allow for submission of an original and 4 copies of the Program Management Plan, Quarterly Technical Progress Reports, Topical Reports, and Final Technical Report. The program reviewers of the technical reports are located at both DOE Headquarters and Argonne National Laboratory.

Approval of these deviations ensures that the program goals and objectives are achieved and that public funds are conserved.

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